

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING)	RESOLUTION NO. 81-236
CONTINUATION OF THE GOALS AND)	
OBJECTIVES PLANNER POSITION)	Introduced by the Council
THROUGH FY 81, AND APPROVING)	Coordinating Committee
AN ADDITIONAL FOUR MONTHS FUNDING)	
FOR SAID POSITION FOR INCLUSION)	
IN THE FY 82 BUDGET)	

WHEREAS, Metro's intent has been to establish a "phase two" process establishing agencywide goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Task Force on Goals and Objectives has in the place of a goals and objectives program endorsed the concept of a Regional Futures Project in the wider community, sponsored by a network of organizations and individuals, to anticipate and plan for the critical issues that will face the Portland region between now and the year 2000, and recommended that Metro assist the establishment of such a Regional Futures Project; and

WHEREAS, Continuation of the current Goals and Objectives Planner position as a Futures Planner position for six months is seen by the Task Froce as the best means to provide such assistance; now, therefore,

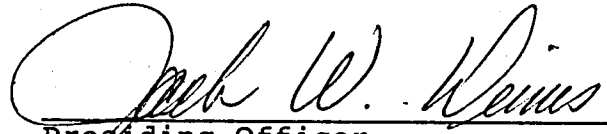
BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That a transfer of \$6,105 from General Fund Contingency be authorized in the supplemental budget for the purpose of continuing the Goals and Objectives Planner position as a Futures Planner position through FY 81.

2. That an additional four months funding (\$12,210) for

said position be included for consideration in the FY 82 budget.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 23rd day of April, 1981.


Presiding Officer

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THIS 23rd DAY OF April 1981

Agenda Item 4.8

Cynthia M. Weisman

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

A G E N D A M A N A G E M E N T S U M M A R Y

TO: Metro Council
FROM: Council Coordinating Committee
SUBJECT: Authorizing Continuation of Goals and Objectives Planner Position Through FY 81 and Approving an Additional Four Months Funding for Said Position for Inclusion in the FY 82 Budget

I. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. ACTION REQUESTED: That the Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 81-236 authorizing continuation of the current Goals and Objectives Planner position as a Futures Planner position through FY 81, and approve inclusion of an additional four months funding for said position for consideration in the FY 82 budget.
- B. POLICY IMPACT: The requested action will signal Metro's commitment to the concept of a Regional Futures Project in the wider community, sponsored by a network of organizations and individuals, to anticipate and plan for the critical issues that will face the Portland region between now and the year 2000. Metro would support the establishment of such a project with a Futures Planner position to provide it with fund raising assistance, information and expertise. This action would also allow for the continuation of the current Task Force on Goals and Objectives as a Futures Task Force to monitor project development and serve as liaison to the Metro Council.
- C. BUDGET IMPACT: The funding of a Futures Planner position (including fringe, materials and services and contingency) for the remainder of the current fiscal year would require a transfer of \$6,105 from General Fund contingency. The cost to continue this position for an additional four months in FY 82 would be \$12,210. Funding for this position would be derived entirely from local dues.

II. ANALYSIS

- A. BACKGROUND: Metro's intent has been that its 1979 "phase one" inquiry into goals and objectives would be followed by a second phase process establishing agencywide goals and objectives, which if implemented, would create a preferred physical and social environment in the year 2000. To implement this phase Council directed that a Task Force be assigned the responsibility to develop a proposed scope of work, specific work elements and cost estimates for conducting such a program. Last September a Planner was hired to facilitate this effort, and a Task Force on Goals and Objectives was set up through the Council Coordinating Committee and re-scheduled to recommend its proposal to Metro Council in late April.

Early in its discussions the Task Force unanimously agreed that a conventional goals and objectives documentation effort was not the optimum format for setting agencywide or regional directions. Instead, the Task Force recommended that Metro establish an ongoing futures process to strengthen the way in which the agency considers the future in its planning and policy development and to help the Portland region in preparing for the critical issues it will face between now and the year 2000.

Central to this effort, Metro would specifically assist the establishment of a Regional Futures Project, sponsored by key organizations and individuals and dedicated to implementing a broad-based public education and polling process that generates action agendas for the region. This would include the proviso that Metro neither own nor control such a Project, but contribute some staff time and its good offices in helping seed the Project.

Upon investigation, the Task Force found several key groups with parallel interest in establishing a Regional Futures Project. Given this informal commitment, the Task Force prepared a proposed futures work program including the above elements, as well as the continuation of its own work in a Metro Futures Task Force to monitor the program.

In April, reflecting the budget recommendations of the Regional Development Committee, the Task Force agreed to a condensed version of its proposal, focusing on providing assistance for the establishment of a Regional Futures Project in the wider community through a six-month Futures Planner position at Metro. This included the understanding that a primary role of the Futures Planner would be to assist the Project in finding independent financial support so that it would become self-supporting in that time frame. The attached futures proposal summarizes their revised work program.

- B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: A conventional goals and objectives documentation program was considered but found to be inadequate in several ways: A goals approach was not sufficiently long-range or comprehensive in its orientation to address emerging issues in the region; a goals and objectives format set by Metro alone appeared to be an inappropriate format for determining regional futures; and a goals project was seen as likely resulting in a repetitive exercise or an unused document.
- C. CONCLUSION: Council is requested to adopt the attached Resolution authorizing continuation of the Goals and Objectives Planner position through FY 81, and approving inclusion of an additional four months funding for said position for consideration in the FY 82 budget.